

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
August 25, 1998

Members Present: Carole Henry, Paul Kurtz, William Paul, Ben Jackson, David Williams, Dan DerVartanian, Judith Reiff, Tom Dyer

Guests: Gary Moore - Registrar's Office and James Fletcher -- OVPAA

Carole Henry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Introductions were made and minutes from the June 1, 1998 meeting were approved as submitted.

Thomas Dyer, Interim Provost, asked the Committee to submit a Spring Semester 2000 calendar to the University Council. He related the following background: The Spring 2000 calendar which was approved by Council December 1996 was revised by the Educational Affairs Committee in April 1998 at the request of administrators in several schools who reported the need for more pre-semester preparation time for items such as advisement, processing of grades, etc. This proposal was amended on the floor of the University Council in June 1998, with the amended calendar having only 74 instructional days. President Adams sent this amended calendar to the Board of Regents where it was rejected by Chancellor Portch.

After discussion on the Committee's options, Paul Kurtz moved that the Educational Affairs Committee resubmit the calendar approved by the Committee on April 6, 1998. This proposal passed unanimously.

Gary Moore provided the rationale for a proposal to abolish the 60-hour rule. Under the semester core curriculum, students must complete all areas of the core to gain admission to their major program of study. This System initiative duplicates the intent of the institutional 60-hour rule.

Paul Kurtz made the motion to eliminate the University's 60-hour rule, effective Spring Semester 1999. The motion passed unanimously.

Carole Henry opened the floor for nominations for a 1998-1999 Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee. Dan DerVartanian nominated Paul Kurtz, the nomination was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Paul Kurtz thanked Carole Henry for her role as Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee.

Professor Kurtz discussed options for Petitions Subcommittee assignments and future meeting times and locations.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00.